

## CHURCH BULLETIN

We are a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland. We gather each Lord's Day to praise and worship the only true and living God.

6<sup>th</sup> October 2024



### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY

Today's services will be taken by Mr Donald Macaulay (Carloway). Our services are livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@shawbostfreechurchofscotland>

At the **12.00 noon service**, the Scripture reading will be from Zechariah, Chapter 2.

At the **6.00pm service**, the Scripture reading will be from John, Chapter 17.

	12:00 Noon Service		6.00pm Service	
1	Psalm 17:1-6	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 86:1-7	Scottish Psalter
2	Psalm 17:7-12	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 86:8-12	Scottish Psalter
3	Psalm 17:13-15	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 86:13-17	Scottish Psalter
4	Psalm 18:1-3	Scottish Psalter	Psalm 133	Scottish Psalter

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be at the usual time during the 12noon service. The children will go to their classes in the Hall during the second item of praise. Please remember the children and teachers in prayer.

### GAELIC SERVICE

The Gaelic Service this evening will take place in **Bragar at 6pm** and the preacher will be Rev Roddy John Campbell.

### SERVICES NEXT LORD'S DAY

The services next Lord's Day will be taken by Rev Thomson Mackenzie.

### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

The prayer meeting and Bible study will take place on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Bragar**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### THE LORD'S DAY

"But what is the meaning of the phrase "on the Lord's Day?" In one sense, it may be said that every day of the week belongs to the Lord, and so might be called the "Lord's day." But John [in Revelation 1:10] is referring to something more specific. He does not speak merely of "a" day that has been consecrated to the Lord. Instead he speaks of "the" Lord's Day. That one day that may be called "the Lord's Day" was the day in which He proved to the world that He was Lord. On one particular day, Jesus made the universe understand that He was Lord of all. That day was the day of His resurrection. On that day, he conquered the last of the sinner's enemies, which is death. On the first day of the week, he showed that his power could overcome all enemies, even death itself. That day is "the Lord's Day....."

"The original commandment to honour God by worship one day in seven still holds, since this requirement was a part of the Ten Words laying down the moral standards of God for men. One day in seven must be consecrated for worship and service to him. Both creation and redemption show that God must be honoured in this way."

Taken from *Why On Sunday?* by O Palmer Robertson, (the full article can be found [here](#)).

### CHURCH BULLETIN - DISTRIBUTION LIST

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## COMMUNION SERVICES (Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Lord's Day 13<sup>th</sup> October)

### CALLANISH FREE CHURCH

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30 pm.	Gaelic	Rev Paul Murray
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30 pm.	English	Rev Colin Macleod
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	12.00 pm.	English	Rev Colin Macleod
	6.00 pm.	Bi – Lingual Prayer Meeting – Elders	
Lord's Day 13 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am.	English	Rev Colin Macleod
	6.30 pm.	English	Rev Colin Macleod

*There will be a short Prayer Meeting after the Evening Service*

### CROSS FREE CHURCH

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30 pm.	English	Rev Donald M Macleod-N Tolsta
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	12.00 pm.	English	Rev Donald M Macleod-N Tolsta
	6.00 pm.	Bi – Lingual Prayer Meeting in Hall - Elders	
Lord's Day 13 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am.	English	Rev Donald M Macleod-N Tolsta
	6.00 pm.	English	

*There will be a Fellowship Meeting after the Evening Service*

### STATEMENT FROM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, WESTERN ISLES PRESBYTERY FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

It is with immense disappointment that we note the Stornoway branch of the British supermarket giant, Tesco, are considering opening their doors seven-days-a-week. Since opening the store in 2008, we are extremely grateful that Tesco has respected our community and our island culture. Everyone has benefitted from Tesco's presence in our community. Many have valued their service, as well as the additional option for 'click & collect' and home delivery.

However, despite the many positives, we believe that this is a negative step, and one that would have a detrimental impact upon our unique and quiet Sunday. Conversely, the biblical view of the Christian Sabbath is not negative but positive, having many spiritual, physical, social and mental benefits. We believe that if Tesco wish to go ahead and open on Sunday it will undermine these valued benefits. Ultimately it will impact our community, and we risk losing our cherished way of life which has been a big part of our island identity. We believe that Tesco needs to take this into consideration, especially as they have a responsibility to care for their employees and their families.

Following days of communication and consultation, both in the media and on social media, there have been many people, near and far, religious and irreligious, who have spoken positively about our quiet Sunday tradition. A tradition which, although founded upon biblical teaching, is experienced and enjoyed by many across our islands. This was certainly evidenced by a healthy discussion and debate on 'The Jeremy Vine Show' on Radio 2 earlier this week.

As a Presbytery of congregations in the Western Isles, we would urge Tesco to partner with us by protecting our precious heritage and reconsider their proposal to open their store on the Lord's Day. We would also encourage everyone in our congregations to make this a matter of prayer.

### ONLINE PETITION

In connection with Tesco's proposed Sunday opening, an online petition has been initiated by Alasdair Macleod, Stornoway. It can be found at [change.org](http://change.org) and it can also be accessed [here](#) or on the congregation website.